

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

CHARLES DOUGLAS NICHOLS,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CHARLES MIX COUNTY SHERIFF,

Defendant.

4:05cv3106

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) which establishes a time limit for service of process on a defendant in a civil case. The plaintiff received notice of the deadline for service of process on the defendant in the court's Order on Initial Review. Because the plaintiff is proceeding in forma pauperis, the Clerk of Court provided forms for service of process to the plaintiff to complete and return to the court so that the U.S. Marshal could serve the defendant. The plaintiff did not return the forms for service of process, and the deadline expired. The court then issued an Order to Show Cause why this case should not be dismissed for failure to obtain service of process on any defendant. The plaintiff has not responded to the Order to Show Cause, and the deadline to show cause has now expired.

Therefore, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), the plaintiff's complaint and the above-entitled action are dismissed without prejudice. A separate judgment will be entered accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

s/Joseph F. Bataillon
JOSEPH F. BATAILLON
Chief District Judge